

merous and varied) and baked in the furnace, which every hour bakes hundreds of them into solid porcelain fit for service.

In European countries Dentistry is by no means so extensively practiced as in the United States. This results, first, from its being less required, for the people are generally more healthy, and take better care of their teeth; secondly, because their practitioners are less skillful than ours, and hence less patronized. In 1852, an official return showed that there were but 411 Dentists in France, which number but little exceeds that of the Dentists in this City alone. In the same year Berlin contained 37, Munich 7, and Madrid 14 Dentists.

Some years since it occurred to our wide-awake young American dentist that, as they were acknowledged to be the first in the world, some of them might secure an excellent practice in the principal cities of the old world. This thought was acted upon, and the result has been that there are now at least twelve American dentists practicing in Europe, each of whom enjoys a most lucrative practice, and far more profitable than they could obtain in this country. Dr. Brewster, who was the pioneer, and really the establisher of American dentistry on the continent of Europe, fixed himself at Paris, and after practicing most successfully for several years, has amassed a fortune. He yet remains in Paris, but is not now in practice. There are four other American dentists now established in that city, beside several in London, two at Berlin, one at Vienna, one at Gothenburg, one at Madrid and one at Lisbon. Our dentists have also found a lucrative practice in Cuba and South America. We may also here state that an American Missionary to Southern India, who took with him some dental instruments, has written to his Missionary Board that he had succeeded much better in his evangelizing efforts since the people had become satisfied with his character as a good tooth-puller. But we must close this article, and will do so with the following extract from the letter of a European correspondent: "It is amusing on traveling in 'Europe, in France particularly, to see the sign of 'AMERICAN DENTIST' put up over the door of 'a man who never saw America, and can scarcely speak a word of English. This attempt at 'deception' arises from the fact that American 'Dentists are acknowledged to excel all others.'"

The Syracuse Chronicle states that the Lieutenant-Governor is responsible for one of the most "barbarous" provisions of the Prohibitory Law. According to that journal "the bill came to the Senate from the House, and a motion was made 'to strike out the search and seizure clause. The vote on striking out was a tie, and the chair voted against it, and so saved the clause of 'which the liquor men complain.' Who can tell whether this is true? Or did anybody ever hear of such a thing as being on both sides of a great public question? And why should there be such a thing as a Temperance Law to make the path of glory and office difficult to ambitious young men?"

**THE LATEST NEWS,**  
RECEIVED BY  
**MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.**  
NON-ARRIVAL OF THE AFRICA.  
Boston, Tuesday, April 24, 1855.—10 P. M.  
We have not been able to communicate with Halifax since 8 o'clock this evening, at which time there was no appearance of the steamer Africa, now in her eleventh day from Liverpool.

FROM WASHINGTON.  
WASHINGTON, Tuesday, April 24, 1855.  
The Union of this morning says that Judge Lumpkin has not yet transmitted a formal acceptance of his commission in the Court of Claims.  
The State Department, in reply to the Russian Minister, has decided that American vessels sold to aliens and then repurchased by American citizens, cannot receive registers as vessels of the United States.  
Philip Richard Fendall, Esq., has been elected the President of the Washington Jewett Association. The Association will celebrate the Anniversary of the Landing at Jamestown, on the 13th proximo.

It is thought that Judge Lumpkin will soon resign his seat in the Supreme Court of Georgia. The Court of Claims will not organize until his acceptance or resignation shall be received.

**LARGE FIRE IN VIENNA, C. W.**  
MONTREAL, Tuesday, April 24, 1855.  
An extensive fire has laid in ruins nearly the whole of the township of Vienna, between Hamilton and Bedford, Canada West.

**ARREST OF POSTMASTER KENDALL.**  
NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, April 24, 1855.  
Postmaster Kendall has been arrested on the charge of purloining from a letter the sum of \$600.

**DEATH OF A MISSIONARY.**  
BOSTON, Tuesday, April 24, 1855.  
Private letters from Ceylon mention the death by cholera of the Rev. Daniel Poor, a venerable Missionary of the American Board. He died February 2. The cholera was raging with much fatality at Ceylon.

**QUINTNESS RESTORED AT CHICAGO.**  
CHICAGO, Tuesday, April 24, 1855.  
The city is now quiet. The military and cannon have been withdrawn. No more trouble is apprehended.

**THE BALTIMORE RAILROAD ACCIDENT.**  
BALTIMORE, Tuesday, April 24, 1855.  
The accident on the Baltimore Railroad was caused by a switch being misplaced on the other side of the bridge. The engine upset and ran into the river, but the bridge was not damaged at all—the accident having occurred before the train passed on it. There has been no hindrance to the train, and they are passing over the bridge as usual.

**RAILROAD ACCIDENT.**  
BOSTON, Tuesday, April 24, 1855.  
This morning the tender and baggage-car of the steamboat train from Norwich were thrown off the track, near Boston, by the breaking of an axle. The passengers escaped without injury.

**BURNING OF THE STEAMER WM. KNOX.**  
CINCINNATI, Tuesday, April 24, 1855.  
The steamer Wm. Knox, of Louisville, was on fire at Cincinnati. No lives were lost. The books, papers, and money belonging to the boat were all lost. There were one hundred and fifty passengers on board, mostly emigrants for Kansas. The work of destruction did not occupy over fifteen minutes. Many of the passengers jumped into the river, and swam ashore.

**LOSS OF THE STEAMER TEXANA.**  
CINCINNATI, Tuesday, April 24, 1855.  
Private dispatches received here from Cincinnati, dated the 20th inst., report that the steamer Texana has been destroyed by fire, and that the boat and cargo are a total loss. The Texana was owned in this city.

**MARINE DISASTERS.**  
BALTIMORE, Monday, April 23, 1855.  
There was a heavy blow at Savannah on Saturday, which drove several vessels ashore. The Clermont, from New York, is ashore, in a bad condition. The ship Southport and the bark Glasgow are also ashore on the beach, in a dangerous condition.

There is a greater number of houses to let in the City of Williamsburg, than there were six weeks since. Many of the landlords demand a high price, and are determined to have the whole lot or none.

## THE LIGHTHOUSES OF THE WORLD.

"Could a Christian community exist and stand erect in the family of civilized nations, and shroud its shores in eternal darkness? For what do we look around us? The British Islands baring with three hundred lighthouses; France, with one hundred and fifty; the Baltic, the Mediterranean, the Pacific, all thickly studded with these beneficent sentinels; the White Sea to the Polar North. The whole almost encircled by these beneficent sentinels, and with these living monuments of humanity and civilization!" [Duty of the Am. Union to improve its Navigable Waters.]

DARKNESS descends, and gives the spirit wings:  
The eye, emboldened, claims imperial right;  
And, lying grandly at my feet, I see  
The world at night.

Behold the vision! How sublimely fair!  
For myriad lights illuminate the sea,  
Encircling continent and ocean vast,  
In one humanity.

Perchance some habitant of far-off star,  
Born to the heritage of loftier powers,  
Although we cannot see his glowing world,  
Yet looks on ours—

May see these patient sentinels of night.  
My road, their language, eloquent and grand,  
As, shining coldly, flash the Arctic light,  
They warning stand.

Or, beaming through the still and fragrant air,  
Where coral reefs the vexed Bermoothes guard,  
O'er freight of human life may see the Lamp  
Keep watch and ward.

Or, streaming from Leucadia's haunted cliffs,  
Where every gully sleeps beneath the wave,  
Touching with light the waters surging o'er  
A lonely grave;

Or, blazing bright amid Atlantic storm,  
While brighting masts are quivering with fear,  
The guardian light upheld by sea girt towers,  
Alone and clear.

Burn on with indextinguishable fire!  
Compassions of the silent stars above!  
Resplendent types, and a world of strife,  
Of deathless Love. H. W. S.

## RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER MASON.

Correspondence of The N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Monday, April 23, 1855.

I learn that Judge Mason, United States Commissioner of Patents, has resigned his post. This is a serious loss to the Department of which he was the head. He was probably the most efficient officer under the present Government, and, as to energy and business routine, none of his predecessors was his superior. He has brought up all the arrears of former years, and leaves the office in a highly flourishing condition. The public, and the body of inventors especially, are indebted to Judge Mason for the new era he has innovated in the publication of the Annual Reports of the Patent-Office. The idea of giving the farmers and mechanics of the country—instead of the old biographic reports—a popular book, provided with illustrations and intelligible descriptions, will remain a lasting monument of his administration.

I do not know what has induced the Judge to leave a position which he has filled so successfully, but I should not wonder if the present Government, with its characteristic dulness of perception, should have undervalued a man who, possessing all the straightforwardness and firmness of Western character, was anything but of the sweet, subservient sort.

## THE NURSERY AFFAIR.

MR. HISS'S RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED.

In the Massachusetts House of Representatives, on Monday, Mr. Hiss presented a letter of resignation, which was read by the Speaker, and the question stated, "Shall it be accepted?" It will be seen by the following proceedings that the Grand Inquirer's case was referred to a Committee. Mr. Hiss's letter of resignation reads thus:

Boston Saturday, April 21, 1855.

The Hon. DANIEL C. EDDY—Sir: The House of Representatives having to-day, for the first time, voted to receive the resignation of a member, I have the honor to inform you that I have this day resigned my seat in the House of Representatives.

These facts, I consider my personal honor entirely vindicated, and that further action on my part might seem unnecessary. I therefore, in compliance with the request of the House, resign my seat in the House of Representatives, and I beg to say that I have no objection to my name being placed on the list of members who have resigned.

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Grammar, of Woburn; Kimball, of Salem; and Thayer, of Ashland, were appointed.

Mr. WILLIAMS stated that in the liquor debate Mr. Hiss abused him personally, and he therefore did not think it proper to accept. Mr. Neal, of Boston, was appointed instead.

Subsequently, on reconsideration, on motion of Mr. BRANTON, of Boston, the two reports previously made regarding Mr. Hiss (Lincoln) and Griffin's were referred to the above Committee. [Bos. Traveller.]

## TERRIBLE CALAMITY.

APPEAL FOR RELIEF.

The New-York Staats Zeitung of yesterday, contains among the news brought by the Nashville, a heart-rending tale from Danville, dated the 21st of March last.

The breaking up and floating down of the ice on the Virginia, which has been so often the source of great damage to the surrounding low lands, has this spring taken place with such terrible violence as to surpass any previous instance of the kind within the last fifty years.

The strong dyke, constructed at an immense cost along the banks of the river, have been swept away in many places by the infuriated element, and four hundred square miles of the most fertile plains, the last wheat production of the season, are now covered by water, and the people are reduced to a state of starvation.

One humane human eye has been already pained up near a single place. [Telegraph.] when the above report was made.

The loss of life and property must have been terrible. The rescue of many of the sufferers is entirely created by the winter calamity, being a description, and the depth of the water is such that it is not possible for persons to swim, or to be rescued by the usual means.

A fine tract of land, richly endowed by nature, containing many large and fertile farms, and covered by the same form of water, great numbers of valuable cattle, hogs, and other animals, have been swept away, and are now floating down the river, and are being used as fuel for the steamers.

How great must be the misery existing there. Those who escaped from the prison of the water, and who are now in a state of starvation, are reduced to a state of misery, and are being used as fuel for the steamers.

When, some twenty years ago, a calamity of the same kind visited the East River, and the people were reduced to a state of starvation, the people were reduced to a state of misery, and are being used as fuel for the steamers.

A native of Danville, now residing here, I make this appeal to the first page of the New-York Staats Zeitung, and I beg to say that I have no objection to my name being placed on the list of members who have resigned.

Remotely though we be from the locality of these heart-rending scenes, still the hearts of the people are awakened in every breast, and the people are reduced to a state of misery, and are being used as fuel for the steamers.

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